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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SENATOR BETTIZA TO NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON

1. SENATOR VICENZO BETTIZA, CO-EDITOR OF IL GIORNALE NUOVO, WILL BE VISITING NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON, JUNE 4 TO 12, PRIMARILY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SEMINAR ON ITALY AND RUROCOMMUNISM THAT IS BEING ORGANIZED BY THE HOOVER INSTITUTION OF STANFORD AND THE AMERICAN ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE, WASHINGTON, D.C. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMUNITY SEEK THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH HIM IF IT IS AT ALL POSSIBLE.

2. BETTIZA IS ONE OF THE MORE INFLUENTIAL, INTERESTING, AND SENSIBLE JOURNALISTS AND POLITICIANS IN ITALY. HE IS CO-EDITOR OF IL GIORNALE NUOVO WHICH HE AND MONTENELLI FOUNDED THREE YEARS AGO AFTER ABREAKING WITH CORRIERE DELLA SERA BECAUSE OF THE LATTER'S SHARP MOVE TO THE LEFT. THAT PAPER HAS BEEN A REMARKABLE SUCCESS (NOW HAVING A DAILY CIRCULATION OF OVER A QUARTER OF A MILLION). IN ADDITION, BETTIZA RAN FOR AND WAS ELECTED TO THE SENATE IN 1976 ON A COMBINED PLI/PSDI LIST.

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3. BETTIZA IS ONE OF ITALIAN JOURNALISMS FEW EXPERTS ON THE SOVIET UNION. HE IS FAVORABLY DISPOSED TO THE UNITED STATES WHICH HE HAS PREVIOUSLY VISITED A NUMBER OF TIMES. HIS ENGLISH IS GOOD AND HE ALSO SPEAKS GERMAN, RUSSIAN, FRENCH AND SERBO-CROATIAN

4. SINCE BETTIZA IS A LEADER IN BOTH FIELDS OF

JOURNALISM AND POLITICS AND CAN SPEAK WITH AUTHORITY  
ON THE ITALIAN POLITICAL SCENE, I THINK HE IS WELL  
WORTH THE TIME OF SENIOR OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON. I  
WOULD, THEREFORE, HOPE THAT ALL OR MOST OF THE FOLLOWING  
WILL HAVE TIME TO SEE HIM:  
DR. ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI AND ROBERT HUNTER, NSC:  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY GEORGE VEST, EUR:  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROBERT BARBOUR, EUR:  
ANTHONY LAKE, S/P:  
JAMES BELLINGTON WOODROW WILSON CENTER:  
GRAHAM/HOVEY, NEW YORK TIMES:  
JOHN ANDERSON, WASHINGTON POST:  
ZYGMUNT NAGORSKI, COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS  
BRUSON MCKINLEY, EUR/WE.

5. I HAVE SUGGESTED TO BETTIZA THAT HE CALL  
MCKINLEY (EUR/WE) UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN THE US TO  
SEE WHAT APPOINTMENTS MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. BETTIZA  
WILL BE IN NEW YORK, JUNE 4 AND 5, AT THE BLACKSTONE  
HOTEL BUT CAN BE REACHED CARE OF LUCENTINI, II  
GIORNALE'S NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT. HE WILL BE IN  
WASHINGTON, JUNE 6 TO 12, STAYING AT THE INTERNATIONAL  
INN BUT CAN ALSO BE REACHED THROUGH PROFESSOR SARTORI  
OF STANFORD WHO IS ORGANIZING THE SEMINAR ON EUROCOMMUNISM.  
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